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TEN CENTS PER WEEK

BANDANA FARMER SECURES \$1,160 ON BOGUS CHECKS

Five Firms Swindled By Elmer Nicholson in Whom They Had Confidence.

Used Name of Nicholson & Brother, Merchants.

WAS MARRIED ONLY LAST WEEK

On the good reputation he had borne, Elmer Nicholson, a farmer about 35 years old, residing at Bandana, secured \$1,160 on worthless checks from merchants in the city. Nicholson was married last week and came to the city Friday. Being on good terms with the merchants and having a good business standing, he went to the merchants and succeeded in having checks cashed. He left home last Saturday night and has not been heard from since. The merchants of the city went to Bandana yesterday and filed attachments on an implement store in which Elmer Nicholson owned an interest.

Checks were cashed by the following: B. Wells & Son, \$260; J. A. Rudy & Sons, \$150; John Oehlenschlaeger, \$210; A. S. Thompson, \$375, and one bank in the city for \$175. It is understood that the bank of Mayfield cashed a check for about \$300, which will bring the total to practically \$1,500. All of the checks were on the bank of Bandana, and were signed "Nicholson & Brother." A. S. Thompson drove to Bandana and filed an attachment on the implement store, but the bank at Bandana has a mortgage for \$1,000 on the stock, which is valued at \$2,000. The local dealers will have to wait until the bank has the first part.

It is understood that Nicholson was guilty of such conduct once before. He is a good family, and the merchants can think of no excuse for his conduct. He was a prosperous man, and was making money. Frequent trips were made to the merchants and his checks were always cashed. The police are on the lookout, but it is presumed that Nicholson has left.

Sales at Mayfield.

The tobacco association sold four hogheads of tobacco this week to the American Snuff company. Two went at \$7 and two at \$8.—Mayfield Messenger.

Tom Weaver Getting Well.

Cadiz, Ky., April 3.—Tom Weaver, the Canton negro who was shot by unknown parties at Golden Pond last week is reported much better and it is said that he will recover. His main trouble was from paralysis, caused by the ball striking his back bone when he was shot.

MASKED MEN TAKE A NEGRO OUT OF JAIL

Hopkinsville, Ky., April 3. (Special.)—George Tatt, a negro, was taken from the jail at Trenton, in Todd county by a body of masked men. He has not been seen since and is believed to have been lynched.

POSTAL INCREASE IS \$3,566.12 THIS YEAR ABOVE LAST

During the postal year, which ended March 31, the Paducah postoffice shows an increase of \$3,566.12 over last year. While the increase is not as great as the one shown last year, which went \$6,117.74 over 1907, it is satisfactory to Postmaster F. M. Fisher, considering business conditions. In addition to the increase, one carrier was added to the force, and one clerk added. Last year Postmaster Fisher received an increase in salary, owing to the growth of business, and under the postal regulations the next increase will come when the postal receipts are \$80,000. The receipts for the last quarter were \$17,559.89. In a short time it is anticipated that the remodeling of the Paducah postoffice will be ordered. Congressman Ollie James is heartily in favor of the improvement, as well as the architect. Postmaster Fisher mailed Congressman James a picture of the building this week. The cost of putting a portico on the west entrance on Broadway, the building of a gable and the installment of new boxes is estimated at a cost of \$12,500.

Mr. Taft Remembers Friends.

Secretary of War Taft evidently understands the friendly attitude of the Republicans of the First Congressional district toward him; for F. M. Fisher today received a personal letter from Mr. Taft, in which he takes occasion to say: "I cannot tell you how indebted I am to my friends of the First district of Kentucky, who succeeded in maintaining my interest at the convention."

EVANS ON BRIDGE OF CONNECTICUT WHEN FLEET SAILS

Paso-Robles, April 3.—Admiral Evans said today: "I will be on the bridge of the Connecticut when she plows through the Golden Gate. I have made up my mind to recover my health and resume command of the fleet or I will die in the attempt." He says he feels much better today.

BRITISH NAVAL DISASTER

Plymouth, Eng., April 3.—Because an officer misjudged the distance the torpedo boat destroyer "Tiger" was lost with 33 men in a collision with the cruiser Berwick last night during the maneuvers off the Isle of Wight. Four of the crew were rescued. The destroyer was sunk before the Berwick could man her boats.

THIEF STEALS TOGS

Some thief will have three Easter suits, and three customers of M. Solomon, the tailor, 522 Broadway, may go without their Easter togs because of a visit paid to the tailor shop last night. Three coats and three pairs of trousers had been finished and were ready for the wearers when the thief made his unexpected appearance and played havoc. Mr. Solomon values the goods at \$125. A gold watch fob and a gold bracelet were taken from W. Parish, a jeweler in the same building, and his loss will be \$10. The thief entered through a rear window. The police have samples of the goods, and are watching the clothing stores.

Quiet Has Been Restored Around Hopkinsville is Opinion of Many Who Have Observed Conditions

Soldiers Had Beneficial Effect in Bringing about Reign of Law and Order in That Community.

Hopkinsville, Ky., April 3.—Many believe, and it is devoutly hoped that night riding in this immediate section is at an end. For several weeks now there have been no outbreaks and indications are that a more substantial and lasting state of quiet now exists than has been the case since last summer.

Several reasons contribute to this belief. First, if the motive given by the riders themselves, that they are operating in the interest of the tobacco growers' association, is the true one, there is very little, if any, material left for them to work on. The books of the association have been opened and practically every farmer in this and surrounding counties is now a member of the organization. Even before the membership books were opened, the Christian county committee authorized the committee men and officials to accept the signatures of non-members to a pledge that they would join when the books were opened, at that time it being the order that no one could join until May 1. When this action was taken, scores of independent farmers so signified their intention of joining the association and now that the books have been opened they are joining in full fellowship.

Doubtless the soldiers, who have been on duty throughout this section and who have patrolled, especially at night, and under secret orders, in every direction, have had a most beneficial effect in keeping down further trouble.

Nothing but praise has been heard of the conduct of these young mountaineers during their stay here. Their behavior has been beyond reproach and they have discharged their duties faithfully. Major Albrecht, who is in charge of the soldiers, has won himself a host of friends here. He is as silent as the sphinx when questioned about the work of his men, but that quality certainly has not lessened confidence in his military capacity.

The Law and Order league has also



HON. WILLIAM H. TAFT.

EVELYN RETIRES

New York, April 3.—Evelyn Thaw is now in seclusion, having left the Hotel Prince George. Manager Dick refused to state whether he had asked her for her room, but it is known the notoriety cost him good patronage. It is believed yesterday's report that she would sail for Europe was given out to conceal her real movements. The suit for annulment of her marriage is set for Monday.

COUNTY JUDGE OF CALLOWAY CALLS FOR GOOD ORDER

Declares it is Time For Men to Defend Themselves Against Marauders.

Law and Order Leagues Should Be Organized.

WHAT THE RIDERS HAVE DONE

Barns burned—Glen Rogers, Brandon Hurt, D. M. Hendrick. Residence burned—Dick Spain (also barn and stable). Men Whipped—Al H. Perry, Rowland Norworthy, Frank Mardis. Store burned—Clint Dinkard, at Kirksey.

Murray, Ky., April 3. (Special.)—County Judge Wells published in a local paper a lengthy statement explaining his course, and from the statement the following is taken:

"Violence was first done in the sending of threatening notes. This was followed by visits of armed and masked men under cover of darkness. This by the cruel whipping and beating of some of our citizens to say nothing of the burning of barns and store houses. Following in the wake of all this there presents itself in sections of this county, especially in Liberty and Brinkley districts, a pitiable spectacle of hundreds of women and children and men paralyzed with fear. As naturally as the day follows the night comes the actions of those who would restore law and order by the crude means at their command. These conditions have reached a critical stage in this county. The raids are of almost nightly occurrence. No citizen is safe. Through all of these weeks, I, in company with my fellow officers, have been vigilant.

"I have scores of men summoned to tell what they know of these outrages. I find a state of paralysis. In very many ways not proper here to mention we have attempted to run down these bands of lawless men. While we have information that might become important in the future, we have not as yet been able to procure sufficient evidence upon which to make an arrest. They will be found out; they will be punished.

"I call upon every good citizen to speak and act for law and order. Let those who stand for law and order hold in their acts and utterances. I call upon our citizens to form law and order leagues in every section of the county. It is the duty of every citizen to defend his home against these midnight marauders by self-defense."

Home Mission Conference.

Bolivar, Tenn., April 3.—At the Memphis Conference Home Mission society the Rev. W. W. Adams, of Mayfield, Ky., conducted devotional exercises. Presiding Elder J. W. Blackard, of the Paducah district, spoke. The church extension board reported the receipt of eleven applications for assistance for parsonages. Six of these were recommended, as follows: West Murray, Paris district, \$200; Hornbeak, Union City district, \$200; Saitillo, Lexington district, \$100; Belmont circuit, Brownsville district, \$75; Paducah, Paducah district, \$100; Middle avenue, Jackson district, \$100. The Rev. J. W. Blackard, of the Paducah district, conducted beautiful devotional services at the night session.

Sales at Cadiz.

W. M. Hancock, of Hopkinsville, representative of the American Snuff company, and J. W. Chestnut, an independent buyer from Clarksville, bought fifty-three hogheads of association tobacco on the Cadiz market yesterday afternoon. The grades sold were mostly low grade tobacco, and the prices realized were very satisfactory, some ranging as high as four to ten cents per pound.—Record.

GROWERS TO SELL LOOSE LEAF WITH ONE ASSOCIATION

Owensboro, Ky., April 3.—(Special.)—At a meeting of growers of three tobacco associations here this morning an organization known as the Green River association was formed. It includes every grower in this district. They will pool their tobacco and sell the loose leaf. There formerly were three organizations.

THREAT OF NIGHT RIDERS MET WITH MOUNTED SOLDIERS, WHO WILL PATROL CALLOWAY COUNTY

WERE IN THE PARTY.

Race Ridgeway, Dave Galtner and Joe Schimmel, of Gilbertsville, were indicted by the special grand jury, on the charge of conspiring and banding together with others for the purpose of intimidating or threatening, etc. They all admit being in the crowd that visited Gilbertsville, but say they were forced into it, as were several other good citizens of Gilbertsville and vicinity. They gave bond.—Benton Tribune-Democrat.

POPULISTS WANT MONEY DIRECT TO PEOPLE FROM U. S.

St. Louis, April 3.—Populists in national convention today adopted a platform favoring all money to be issued by the government to the people; parcels post and postal savings bank, initiative and referendum, and government ownership of utilities. George A. Honacker, of Jersey City, is permanent chairman.

Paid Enlisted Men.

Washington, April 3.—Lilly filed affidavits with the investigating committee, intending to prove improper practices by the Electric Boat company. Sam Ferguson, an enlisted man in the navy, swore he served on an Electric Boat company submarine, and that although paid by the government he and others were also paid by the company. The boat company had said it never paid enlisted men.

SAY HARRIMAN PLANS A LOAN.

Southern Pacific Officials Quoted as Asserting \$50,000,000 Is Sum.

San Francisco, April 3.—The presence of four French bankers in the city leads Southern Pacific officials to believe E. H. Harriman plans to raise a loan of \$50,000,000 on the unimpaired lines of the Union Pacific, says a local paper.

The visit of the French financiers is a sequel, it is believed, to the recent visit here of Sir Edgar Vincent, the English financier, and to the visit of Edward Noetzel, the French banker, a year ago.

Vincent, it is said, had practically agreed to take a \$50,000,000 bond issue from Harriman and has invited Paris banks with which the visitors are connected to take a part interest in it.

MEETINGS CLOSE AT KENTUCKY AV. CHURCH

After services for twelve days the meetings at the Kentucky Avenue Presbyterian church were brought to a close last night by the Rev. M. E. Chappel, of Princeton, who assisted the Rev. J. R. Henry. Twelve addresses were secured to the church membership, two of them last night, and many conversions resulted from the meetings. As the meeting progressed the interest became stronger, but as the presbytery will meet in Marion next Tuesday, Drs. Chappel and Henry had to bring the meeting to a close. The new members will be received publicly Sunday morning, and the Rev. J. R. Henry will deliver an appropriate sermon on "Saving Faith."

WEATHER.



FAIR.

Fair tonight and Saturday; rising temperature. Highest temperature yesterday, 50; lowest today, 33.

County Authorities Have Evidence and Will Try to Indict and Convict Outlaws of Purchase County for Outrages.

MEN WHIPPED AND SENT INTO MURRAY TO WARN MIKE GRIFFIN THAT PROPERTY WOULD BE DESTROYED IF HE PERSISTED IN BUSINESS.

STATEMENT OF COUNTY JUDGE A. J. G. WELLS.

"I have direct information from the riders themselves that before the moon changes, they will swoop down on Murray and burn property and beat her citizens and continue to beat and bruise the farmers over the county and burn their property, because forsooth, they did not obey their mandate. Such is the condition that no man is safe. Men have been silent when they should have spoken. Let the press, the pulpit and the platform and all good citizens cry out against it."

(By Perry McLean.)

Murray, Ky., April 3.—Thirty-one mounted infantrymen, under Captain Givens, of Middleboro, the mountain soldier, who led the detail that captured Frank Ball, the noted desperado after his escape from the Middleboro jail, are guarding Murray today, and beginning tonight, will scout the county. The arrival of the soldiers was a coup on the part of the county authorities, who now have complete control of the situation, and expect to indict and convict the leaders of the night riders in circuit court, which convenes April 13.

The soldiers rode into Murray, great, strapping six-foot mountain boys from Whitesburg and Middleboro, armed with Krag-Jorgensen and big army Colt's. They were expected by train, and when the cavalcade galloped into town the terrorized citizens, before they noticed the uniforms, thought it was the night riders keeping their promise, and the town was thrown into confusion for a few minutes.

The soldiers were exhausted with their trip and slept last night in a residence near the tobacco warehouses, while citizens stood guard the second consecutive night. The soldiers lost their way in the very heart of the night rider district and wandered for 22 hours after leaving Hopkinsville, with scarcely anything to eat. They ferried both the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers, and the word probably was spread abroad among the night riders that the soldiers were coming.

It is said that one county paper will denounce the county authorities for asking for troops, but there is an undercurrent of sentiment in favor of the restoration of law and order, and when the populace have been calmed and the outlaws thoroughly cowed, the action of County Judge A. J. G. Wells and Sheriff J. A. Edwards, two brave officials, with the other citizens, who advised the course, will be popularly and openly approved.

The Warning.

Although night rider visitations have become so common the last two months that it is asserted that every independent tobacco planter in Calloway county has received notice to join the association or quit selling tobacco to independent buyers, the decision to call for troops came when open threat was made to attack Murray.

It was the psychological moment for the authorities to act, for they have the overwhelming sentiment of the county seat with them as a nucleus of public sentiment, and it is believed they did not act any too quickly. In fact, they telephoned Thursday morning for the soldiers to hurry up. Citizens had stood guard all the night before.

The first direct warning came Wednesday when Al Perry, residing southeast of Murray, rode into town and said he had been whipped by night riders just before daybreak and commanded to come to Murray and tell Mike Griffin that if he put up ten pounds more tobacco he would be whipped and his warehouse burned.

Griffin told him to report to the night riders that he was right here and for them to come on at once, as he intended to put up all the tobacco he had bought.

Citizens feared the warning was sincere, and when on Thursday morning D. M. Hendrick, a well known independent planter, came to town and bore a like message, a hurry call for soldiers was put in.

Hendrick wasn't whipped, because he was on guard against an attack. He had been warned not to deliver his tobacco, but he did anyway. Early

Thursday morning about 50 men rode of his house, but his son, Smoot Hendrick, and his son-in-law, P. D. Daniels, were at his house and all were heavily armed. The night riders contented themselves with threats against Hendrick and against Mike Griffin. The three rode into Murray and warned the authorities.

Last night it was reported that 150 men were organizing at Kirksey, in the heart of the troubled district, to march on Murray, but it is believed the knowledge that troops are here reached them.

Since January the county papers have contained almost weekly letters from men, who had been warned, that they would join the association, but no serious trouble broke out until February 22, when the barn of Brandon Hurt, near Kirksey, was burned by masked men, who fired shots. A few nights later the store of Clint Drinkard, at Kirksey, was burned by an incendiary.

February 21 Clint Stewart, a farmer, of the Pottersville section, was called out by 60 men and warned that he must join the association. He and H. S. Morgan published cards in the Murray Ledger, declaring their intention to pledge their tobacco.

March 9 Moses Thornton was warned that he must raise tobacco and put it in the association. He had told them before that he would quit raising tobacco.

The most atrocious crime was the burning of the home of Richard

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Trouble in Rome.

Rome, April 3.—A general strike was called today in retaliation for yesterday's attack by troops on the anarchist funeral. Labor leaders say the troops killed workmen without provocation. Newspapers are expected to join the malcontents.

Red Men Meet Tonight.

The Red Men will meet tonight in regular session, and an important business meeting will be held. The program for the celebration here July 4 has been arranged by the committee, and the judge will probably arrange to have programs published, and to begin the advertising. The Red Men expect to have the biggest celebration this year that was ever held, and preparations for handling a mammoth crowd will be arranged.

Fight Over Foundry.

Louis Pollock had a warrant sworn out against Ben Pues today for destroying personal property, and Pues was recognized for his appearance before Police Judge Cross tomorrow morning. It is said that Pues and Pollock had been managing the Mechanics' Foundry and Machine company, 214 Washington street, when a dispute arose. Pollock placed a lock on the doors, and it is alleged that Pues broke the lock this morning and entered the shop.

GEORGE RENICK

Mr. George Renick, of Massac, Ill., died at Riverside hospital this afternoon about 2:30 o'clock. Mr. Renick was brought to the hospital last Saturday in a serious condition. He was operated on for appendicitis.

He is survived by his father, Mr. Henry C. Renick, three sisters, Mrs. Mary Rogers, Mrs. Mattie Miller and Mrs. Ella Thompson, and one brother, Mr. Walter Renick. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Modern Woodmen of America. The burial will be in Bethel cemetery.